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Moving a Library

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Construction of a new library calls eventually for transfer of books from old locations to those provided in the new building. The library recently built at the St. Paul Seminary has a capacity of 100,000 volumes in a stack divided into five tiers. The existing collection of books numbers about 40,000 volumes, and it has been housed in large part in the Administration Building: some 15,000 in the old library on the first floor, and 20,000 in three rooms on the fourth floor. A collection of about 5,000 volumes for leisure time reading was shelved in the gymnasium building.

The books fell into four fairly distinct groups from the point of view of arrangement. The first consisted of files of bound periodicals, arranged A to Z by title, and shelved in a southeast room on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. The second group was of volumes in the Dewey Decimal Classification, the arrangement used prior to 1932 when recataloging and reclassification of the library was begun. Some of these were in the northwest room on the fourth floor, about 2,000 in a southwest room, and a like number, including many folios, in the old main floor library. The third and most numerous group was that in the Library of Congress classification—approximately forty per cent falling into the B section (philosophy and religion, the two major fields in the seminary curriculum) and the remainder distributed between classes C to Z. Most of these volumes were in the old library, exclusive of some 4,000 of those already mentioned as being in the gymnasium building. The fourth group of books were uncataloged items, housed in the northwest fourth floor room of the Administrative Building.

The space over which most of the books had to be moved is not great—door to door distance between the Administration Building and the new library is less than one hundred yards. The available man power for moving was the student body of two hundred and sixty young men. The only equipment needed was some type of carrying tray or shelf, and these were obtained inexpensively by buying two hundred pieces of used pine flooring from a wrecking com-

pany. Each piece was two feet long, six inches wide, and was stopped at either end by nailing on a block two inches high to serve as a low book end. On each trip a carrier was to take two feet of books, and the load would fill two-thirds of a three foot shelf in the library stack, leaving the other third for growth of the collection.

The whole student body was utilized in the transfer of books. A separate group was organized to correspond to each tier of the new stack. Each group was made up of (1) a team of loaders in the old locations who would lift books from the shelves onto the trays of the carriers, (2) a procession of thirty to forty carriers, (3) a team of unloaders on a designated stack floor to take books from the carriers and put them on the new shelves. For each tier a man was also assigned to place book ends on the loaded shelves.

In order to prevent confusion in reaching the proper stack tiers and having the books keep their proper classified arrangement while being moved, each group of carriers was given a number corresponding to the number of the tier to which it was destined (500's, 400's, 300's, 200's and 100's corresponding to 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st tiers), and within a particular group a label with an individual number (501, 502, 503, etc.) was pinned on the coat of each man to assure that succeeding shelves of books would be unloaded in the same order in which they had been given to the carriers.

The 500 group was assigned to move the files of periodicals from the fourth floor of the Administration Building to the fifth tier of the new stack. The 400's were to take the books still in the Decimal Classification to the fourth tier; and, because these books were in three separate original locations, care had to be taken that loaders and carriers would not become confused while shifting from one point to another. The 300's were assigned the A's and B's of the L. C. classification, located in the east alcoves of the old library and to be moved to the third stack tier. The 200's were given the C to Z part of the L. C.'s, which were in the west alcoves and intended for the second stack

tier. The 100's were to take the uncataloged books from the fourth floor of the Administration Building to the first, or basement, tier of the new library. Each group was assigned a definite route to follow to prevent congestion on stairs and at doorways.

What may have seemed a very large force of traffic directors, doormen and line keepers were stationed at strategic points along the route. They were judged necessary, however, because few of the students were sure of their way to the various stack levels, and it was important to have books arrive at proper points. Directors were stationed at loading points to keep carriers in numerical sequence; at stair landings, exits and entrances to keep each group on its assigned route; and again in the stacks to make sure that books were unloaded in order. Because normally cold weather was anticipated on the January moving day, and because carriers would have both hands occupied with their loads of books, doormen were provided to open and close all doors.

The actual work of moving was set for 2 P.M., on Monday, January 23, and each group assembled at a separate point to receive labels and carrying trays and to begin work. The first tray of books entered the new library at 2:05 P.M., and within a few minutes a constant stream of members from the five groups was coming in the doors, there to be diverted to their separate tiers by traffic men watching the numbers on the labels. With an average of seventeen to eighteen books on each tray, a count near the beginning of the work indicated that about 3,500 books were being moved each fifteen minutes. Narrow aisles between shelves in the old library and storage rooms

hampered the work of the loaders so that carriers could not be taken care of as rapidly as they returned for additional loads. The necessity of using ladders to move oversize books from the upper shelves of the twelve foot stacks in the old library also reduced the speed of operations. Nevertheless, two of the groups finished their quotas early and had time to move the 5,000 volume collection from the gymnasium, situated nearly a block away, and the 1,500 volume reference collection to the new reading room. At 5:05 P.M., three hours after the first book had been moved, operations were halted. With the exception of several hundred volumes of miscellaneous unbound periodical and newspaper issues spread around the old periodical room, the job of moving was complete. A group of volunteers took care of these during a quarter hour the next morning.

Briefing of each group during the days immediately preceding undoubtedly prevented much mix-up and delay that otherwise might have arisen. Typed instructions specifying the personnel, work and route of each group were placed on bulletin boards in order to supplement instructions already given orally. Leaders of each group were picked for their experience in the library or in previous handling of group work. The breakdown into five distinct teams kept each one within a manageable size and able to be maneuvered in narrow quarters. Although rigid instructions were given that no one should run and risk spilling books on the snow covered ground, a general holiday spirit nevertheless kept operations moving very fast so that what looked like a formidable task was finished in three-fifths of the time originally estimated.

Minnesota Library Association Activities

AGATHA LINDNER KLEIN, *President*

Instead of passing the library survey bill, the 1949 State Legislature directed the Legislative Research Committee to "ascertain, study and analyze the present public library resources of the State of Minnesota; statewide public library service needs insofar as they may be determined, and methods of improving public library resources and services as a phase of the State's educational program."

The study was made under the direction of Louis C. Dorweiler, Jr., and was presented to the full committee for approval on February 6. It was approved, thus making its publication possible, with the stipulation that the Minnesota Library Association could present suggestions for additional studies which it deemed necessary. Although the complete survey report probably will not be available for distribution for another month, the summary draft which was presented to the Committee has been read by some officers and members of Minnesota Library Association. Certain important facts and conclusions contained in the Survey follow:

1. The one-third of the people in Minnesota not served by public libraries, except for East Grand Forks, live in rural areas of the state. Rural is defined as any place under 2,500 population. The other two-thirds of the people are served by public libraries which vary both in size and quality of service. In order to provide service for those without and to improve the service given by all libraries, regional or multi-county units are necessary.

2. County and public libraries could have the larger funds necessary to improve their service if, where not restricted by local charters, they would work to obtain the additional revenues permitted under the existing state laws governing maximum library tax levies.

3. Libraries could become more effective educational centers if they would reexamine and redefine their functions and objectives and organize to provide materials for those people who can make "serious" use of the library and who can not easily obtain the same materials elsewhere.

4. While Minnesota libraries as a whole exceed the national averages in some measures of service, the Minnesota figures are all

below the American Library Association standards.

After examining the first draft of the report a committee of Minnesota Library Association members has drawn up the suggestions for additional study which it feels are imperative for a complete factual picture of library service in the State.

In addition to Survey activities, the Executive Board and committees of the Minnesota Library Association are spending this year studying various library service problems and sponsoring meetings and institutes for the membership.

The Legislative Committee is studying the library laws and preparing needed changes or amendments for presentation to the State Legislature. They also expect to begin a complete recodification of the library laws.

The Activities Committee is studying means by which libraries in regions can cooperate to provide better service and will present specific plans for county, regional and state library service organization and development.

Any completed phases of committee study will be presented at district and annual meetings for membership discussion and revision.

The Trustees Section is making a successful drive for institutional members and individual trustees are active in the work of each Association committee.

Of interest to librarians will be the Storytelling Institute on April 24-25 and the Institute, on Minnesota Library Problems, May 18-20, which is sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Division of Library Instruction.

This year the district meetings, sponsored by the Library Division and the Association, are being arranged by Russell Schunk, Director of the Division, and Mary C. Baker, Librarian of Stearns County and Vice-President of M.L.A.

Jane Morey and the Duluth Public Library will be hosts to the annual convention September 28-30.

The Federal Relations Committee, the Executive Board and individual members were busy gaining support for the Library Demonstration Bill. In spite of their efforts and a number of favorable votes by Minnesota representatives, the bill was defeated on March 9th.

Changes in the Constitution

Minnesota Library Association

The following changes in the Minnesota Library Association Constitution as of 1949 were approved by the membership at the annual business meeting. All words in italics are new additions. All words in (parentheses) are deletions. A complete copy of this Constitution can be found in *Minnesota Libraries* 15: 79-82, September 1946. Articles which remain the same are not repeated on this list of changes in the Constitution.

Constitution

Article II — Objects

SECTION 1. a. To promote *and extend* the library interests of the State of Minnesota.

Article III — Memberships

SECTION 2. (Institution membership shall entitle the trustees thereof to all the privileges of membership in the association.)

Article IV — Officers, Executive Board and Council

SECTION 1. The officers of this association shall be a president, a president-elect who shall serve as first vice-president, a second vice-president, a secretary, *and a treasurer*, all of whom shall be member in good standing in the association.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the association, *A.L.A. Council members*, and the retiring president.

SECTION 3. The Council shall include the Executive Board, the chairmen of the sections, (and) the chairmen of the standing committees (representatives to the A.L.A. Council) the chairmen of the other committees as determined by the Executive Board, *and representatives from other library associations.* [The Executive Board on Feb. 14, 1942 voted to include in the future a representative from the Minnesota Association of Hospital and Medical Libraries.]

Article V — Election of Officers

SECTION 1. Officers of the Association and the A.L.A. Council members shall be elected by ballot mailed to the membership *annually* with the call to the meeting, *or in the event of no state meeting, ballots to be mailed to the membership, and election held by October 1.* Except in the case of the pres-

ident, such ballot shall present the names of alternate candidates for each office as well as making provision for writing in the names of additional candidates. Polls shall be closed at the opening of the business meeting.

SECTION 2. The terms of office of all officers, except the secretary *and the treasurer*, shall expire with the close of the (next) annual meeting (after they are elected) *if held in the fall or on October 1.*

SECTION 3. The secretary (-treasurer) shall be elected for a *three* (five) year term. *The treasurer shall be elected for a two year term.*

SECTION 4. At the annual meeting, *or in the event of no annual meeting by October 1*, the officers . . . shall be declared from the candidates nominated for the respective offices.

Article VI — Amendments

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended by a (two thirds) majority vote . . .

Article VII — By-Laws

SECTION 1. By-laws may be adopted, amended, or suspended by a (two thirds) majority vote. . . .

By-Laws

Article I — Officers

SECTION 2. . . . *He shall call a meeting of the Executive Board within thirty days of the annual meeting or election of officers for the express purpose of appointing committee chairmen.*

Second Vice-president

SECTION 9. *It shall be the duty of the second vice-president to revise, and/or supplement, the manual of the association.*

Secretary, Treasurer

SECTION 11. The secretary (-treasurer) shall be elected for a 3 year (five year) term, and shall receive an *annual stipend to be determined by the Executive Board* (amount not to exceed \$100.00 yearly). . . .

SECTION 12. The secretary (-treasurer) shall enter in the proper books the records . . . of the association.

SECTION 13. *The treasurer shall be elected for a 2 year term and shall receive*

an amount not to exceed \$25 yearly for attendance at the annual meeting.

SECTION 14. (13) All moneys . . . signed by the (secretary) treasurer.

SECTION 15. (14) The (secretary-) treasurer shall keep . . . *The treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for the ensuing year to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval at a regular meeting preceding the beginning of the fiscal year.*

SECTION 16. (15) By direction of the Executive Board, the secretary, *with the treasurer*, shall compile (and publish) the annual proceedings of the association for the records of the association and distribution to the members.

Executive Board

SECTION 17. (16) b. . . a budget submitted by the (secretary) treasurer.

Article II — Committees

Committee Meetings

SECTION 8. . . . *Duplicate copies of committee reports shall be given the secretary of the association to give to the incoming chairman of committees.*

SECTION 9. The following shall be considered *the* standing committees of this association:

Legislative
Library *Activities* (planning)
Membership
Public Relations

Article V — Administrative Details

Quorum

SECTION 9. *Five* (three) members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board.

SECTION 10. (6 members) *A majority* shall constitute a quorum of the Council.

Fiscal Year

SECTION 12. Fiscal year shall extend from the close of one annual meeting to the close

of the next (regular) annual meeting, *or in the event of no annual meeting to October 1.*

Dues and Registration

Section 14. . . .

Trustees and non-librarians, \$1.00

SECTION 6. (Prospective members at no time previously affiliated with the Minnesota Library Association) *Students from Library Schools* joining between May 15th and the date of the annual meeting shall have their membership continued to the end of the next membership year.

SECTION 17. (There shall be a registration fee) *The Executive Board shall set the registration fee* (of fifty cents) for all individuals attending the regular annual meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance forward,	
October 5, 1948.....	\$1,005.77

Receipts

Annual Conference, 1948	\$2,124.90
Special Library Association	
refund	28.00
Range Library Trustees Association	25.00
Interest, U. S. War Bonds.....	2.50
Membership dues, misc. fees....	841.91

Total	3,022.31
Grand Total	\$4,028.08

Disbursements

Annual Conference	\$2,175.06
M.L.A. expenditures.....	1,592.01

Total	\$3,767.07
Balance on hand,	
Sept. 30, 1949.....	\$ 261.01

Summary of Report

Assets as follows:

Checking accounts balance,	
Sept. 30, 1949.....	\$ 261.01
U. S. War Bonds, face value	600.00

Total assets.....	\$ 861.01
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Minnesota County Libraries

PART TWO

Anoka County

Since its founding, the facilities of the Anoka Public Library have been offered to county residents on equal terms with City of Anoka patrons, a free service. The various attempts which have been made to obtain a contract for financial aid from the county have not succeeded. However, there has been a small annual appropriation of varying amounts made to the library fund by the County Commissioners. Recently this amount has been \$400, to be equally divided between the two libraries, Anoka and Columbia Heights.

A look at the map discloses that these two libraries are in the southwest and southern point of the county, which leaves the northerly farm areas without a book collection nearby. These readers say "It's too far to come in if the weather is bad. Guess we won't take books this winter." A considerable percentage of the residents of Anoka County are employed in the Twin Cities, commuting early and late. "No time left over for reading" is their lament.

In the Anoka library there is no segregation of books nor of funds, though county circulation and registration reports are kept. Drastic weeding of the county registry reveals that a few more than six hundred county people have library cards. Perhaps one-half of these use the library with any regularity. Last year about 3,600 books were issued on county cards. These figures should be combined with the statistics of the Columbia Heights library* to present a true picture of library use in Anoka County.

For the convenience of rural children attending Anoka schools, the library is open each Monday and Friday at 11:30 A.M. so that they may get their books during the noon hour. Rural teachers are invited to take out small groups of books for use in their schools.

A booth at the fair was no doubt boastful in the extreme when it stated in bold letters, "Anoka Public Library Serves Anoka County." Surely we are not adequately "serving" this largely suburban county! Far greater resources in books, funds and personnel would be essential for that. The legal aspects of the situation, in which one

governmental unit provides free books for another, seem to have presented a fairly common problem in library history. It is one which the present day library trend will perhaps correct.—Mrs. Ruth L. Smith, *Librarian*.

Becker County

As early as 1934 the members of the Carnegie Public Library Board at Detroit Lakes saw the need for extending library service into rural areas. A committee was appointed to contact the County Commissioners with a request for \$400 to put their plans into action. The Commissioners favored the idea but were unable to appropriate the requested funds. A W.P.A. fund of \$395 could have been available but was refused because of certain requirements. The Library Board then voted \$100 to begin the organization of a centralized book collection for the schools of Becker County.

Mrs. W. H. McCart, the librarian and Miss Clarissa Bergquist, the County Superintendent of Schools, with Mrs. Hazel Halgrim, librarian of the Thief River Falls Public Library as adviser, worked out a plan to fit the county. A room in the basement of the Public Library was secured. Contracts were drawn up with 41 school districts. Each agreed to pay the sum of \$10 a year and to borrow collections of twenty books at a time, to be exchanged as often as the school wished. Mrs. McCart and Miss Bergquist selected a number of titles and in January, 1936, the school boards were notified that 850 books were available for their use.

In 1942 the districts were asked to pay \$15, the additional \$5 to be used to help defray the expense of processing and repairing the books and to secure the services of the librarian. Up to this time Mrs. McCart had been carrying the work of the rural school collection as part of her Public Library duties. In 1944 the County Commissioners voted \$300 a year, and Mr. McCart was appointed to assist his wife.

Through consolidation the number of schools served has been reduced from 120 to the 95 contracting in 1949. The collection includes 11,826 books. Each school

*Editor's Note: Columbia Heights figures not available.

takes an average of eighty books a year. In twelve years of operation, 119,283 books have been circulated, or about 8,835 per school year.—Mrs. Bertha Beug, *Librarian*.

Grant County

In 1908, a small library was started by a library club in the office of the Elbow Lake *Herald*. A membership fee of \$1 was charged, the money being used to purchase books. The various members of the club acted as librarians. A few years later the library was moved to the courthouse. In 1934, the Thorson Memorial Library was built in its present location. The Library Club then turned their books over to it. Mrs. Anna Hinkley was appointed librarian by the Women's Study Club, which also appointed a library board of six members. Mrs. Hinkley was succeeded by Mrs. L. E. Norby, Ruth Chan, Agnes Hauge and by Mrs. Lloyd Haraldson, in 1946.

In 1941, the County School Library was established. Any rural school in Grant County, on payment of \$10 per year, is allowed to borrow 20 books every two weeks during the school year. The money, about \$300 a year, is used to buy books for children. Usually the teacher or a school board member comes to the library for these books. Occasionally the books are mailed to the districts.

The Women's Study Club continues its support of the library, using the proceeds of rummage sales to buy books for the library, which now contains about 6,530 books. Mrs. Lloyd Haraldson, *Librarian*.

Kanabec County

Since the last report in *Minnesota Libraries*, September, 1944, the circulation has increased from 7,860 in 1944 to 13,319 in 1949, and the book stock has increased from 3,888 volumes to 5,937. The library is governed by a board of five members, one from each commissioner's district. The board meets once a month. A levy of one-half mill is made, which gave \$1,167 for the service in 1948.

For their state conference in St. Paul last year, the Kanabec County Welfare Board asked for a report on the County Library as the most outstanding service to the community. This report, given by Mrs. James Cadwell, who has been a most active worker since the beginning of the library in 1941, was the only library report at the meeting.

The library has eight stations throughout the county, serving the 9,651 county residents. Some of these stations are serviced by the attendants who come to the main library at Mora to select the volumes most needed in their communities, a most satisfactory arrangement. For the others, the librarian transports the books.

The biggest problem seems to be getting the books for children out into rural communities. This has been partly solved by the help of the rural teachers during the school year, but no way has been found to circulate books during vacation periods, as most station attendants do not care to bother with the children's books. The most enjoyable work with children at the library at Mora lies in helping them with reference work.

A special service is furnished the local hospital, where the members of the Mora Woman's Club take the book cart around to the patients twice a week.—Mrs. Edward Schultz, *Librarian*.

Koochiching County

The International Falls Public Library is unique. There isn't another library like it in the state of Minnesota. It serves not only the city of International Falls, but also the residents of Koochiching County, the city schools and all the rural schools in the county. In fact, there is only one library in the entire county, serving an area of 3,129 square miles and a population of 16,930.

Services to Koochiching County. Any resident of the county may borrow books from the main library. Thirty-one per cent of the circulation across the desk was to county borrowers last year.

County residents who find it inconvenient to come to the library may borrow books by mail. Last year 700 packages were sent to out-of-town patrons.

In addition, small collections of adult books are deposited in the rural schools. Unfortunately these collections have failed to reach the people for whom they are intended. The fact that adults do not like to go to the schools and the inconvenience of the school hours are important factors contributing to this failure.

Services to the rural schools. Book collections are placed in all the rural schools: 10 semi-graded and graded schools, 1 ungraded school and 3 high schools. The

librarian visits each school 6 or 7 times a year, at which time she exchanges books, gives book talks and tells stories. For these trips, the librarian uses the county school car.

Every effort is made to give personalized service to the students and teachers, and to correlate the book collections with the classroom work. Between the scheduled trips, requests for special material are filled by mail.

The library is unique in another respect. It is the only library in the state that receives the full 2 mills allowed by law for the support of county libraries. Unfortunately, 80% of the land in Koochiching County is owned by the State and is therefore tax free, so the income for the county library is only \$1,402.65, or 12 cents per capita, as compared with \$2.48 per capita for the city of International Falls. In addition to the 2-mill levy, the County School Board gives us \$2,100 for their services.

We are fully aware of the inadequacies of our county library service. We cannot afford to employ a county librarian or purchase enough books to supply the present demands. We cannot develop a system of stations to serve our rural communities because we do not have the books, personnel or transportation facilities. The people of Koochiching County have done all the law allows to provide library service for themselves. Their only hope is for a new tax base, state aid to libraries, or development of a regional library for Northern Minnesota.—Marie Knudson, *Librarian*.

Lake County

The Two Harbors Public Library was founded in 1908. It is governed by a Board of Trustees composed of nine members appointed by the mayor of the city, and employs a chief librarian and one assistant. The book stock consists of 9,921 volumes.

The library is maintained from funds derived from city and county appropriations. Last year the 3-mill city tax netted \$1,752 and the 1.44-mill county tax netted \$1,591. This amount, with the fines and rental fund of \$378, made a total of \$3,721 for the year ending February 28, 1949. Two Harbors is the only town in Lake County, and the Two Harbors Library serves the entire county, 4,046 Two Harbors residents and 2,910 people who live in the other parts of the county.

With the limited funds at our disposal, we are unable to provide bookmobile service to our many outlying districts. However, a decided advantage to our work and efforts is the fact that the Lake County schools are consolidated, and both grade and high school students are brought into the city by bus to attend school.

We have tried to accommodate our rural borrowers by opening the library at hours most convenient for them. For a number of years we have been open from 12:30 to 5:00 P.M. and from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. As the library is only a block from each of the schools, there is time during the noon period for the students to come to the library to exchange their books and to do some of their reference work. The daily attendance of rural students at noon is from 30 to 60. At this time, many of them get books for their parents. The library is also open on Saturday morning, as this is a time particularly suited to the convenience of the rural patrons.

An automatic renewal service is given rural subscribers, when desired, on all but the one-week rental books. The number of books they may borrow is not limited. One of our women patrons from a rural community told us that at least six neighbor friends read the books that she brings home. We accept and fill requests by mail.

We have an arrangement whereby tourists and summer residents may become subscribers to our library. Upon application, they are charged a fee of one dollar, which entitles them to an unlimited number of books. When they leave at the end of the season and return their books and card, fifty cents of their fee is refunded. Many of these subscribers return annually to live along the North Shore, during the hay fever season. They are most appreciative of the library, and we look forward to their return each year.

The library has 1,494 registered borrowers. Rural patrons number 473—205 adults and 268 children, an increase of 94 borrowers last year. These rural borrowers are from 21 different population centers. For the library year ending February 28, 1949, the circulation total was 27,647 volumes. Of this number 8,241 were circulated to the rural patrons, an increase of 1,762, or 26 per cent over last year.—Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton, *Librarian*.

Meeker County

Meeker County, strictly speaking, has no county library, as there are no outside stations and no bookmobile; but since 1906, the Litchfield Public Library has given "over the desk" service to anyone living in the county.

At the time the county appropriated \$125 and since then our greatest progress has been to push this sum up to \$500, to take care of the increased cost of books and materials. There are at present 439 county residents with rural cards, and last year we circulated 2,032 books to these borrowers.

Outside of the usual reading of fiction and non fiction we have many requests for help in planning 4H and school entertainments, and for material for women's club programs in the other small towns in the county.

The rural teachers as individuals are allowed ten books at a time, which they may keep for four weeks. Twenty-eight teachers use this privilege regularly.

There is no marked difference between our city and county problems. The main one is to make wise use of our funds in purchasing books and periodicals to meet every requirement. When country roads are blocked by a snow storm we do try to remember to take care of renewals for our patrons, and we send books by mail whenever requested.—Mrs. Bess F. Harman, *Librarian*.

Olmsted County

Olmsted County Library service has been a reality for many years. In the beginning years, no distinction was made as to where borrowers lived; later the City of Rochester imposed a charge to rural people and finally asked the county for assistance in procuring service. When funds were made available, the charge to rural residents was removed and for some time books were sent into communities. All titles marked **E** were supposedly the county's property, but this system did not work satisfactorily, for rural people wanted the same books that the people in town wanted.

During Miss Grace M. Steven's time in Rochester, a plan was finally worked out that was satisfactory to all concerned. The County Commissioners started by giving \$500 to the Rochester Public Library Board. This money was added to the book fund, and all rural residents of Olmsted County

were allowed to come to the library, just as other patrons did, and take any books they wanted. The library did not attempt to send books out to groups but gave the same service to all borrowers whether they lived in the city, the county or in far places and were borrowing books on transient deposit cards. County funds were increased to \$1,000, \$1,500 and in 1948 to \$2,000.

In 1944 Mr. Lee F. Zimmerman encouraged Olmsted County residents to try to start a County Association so that citizens could have service brought to them. Using a meeting of farmers as a nucleus, a film was shown, and the group was given an opportunity to decide whether they were interested in finding out more about rural libraries. A County meeting was called, and it was decided to start a County Library Association. Mr. Ira R. Lambert of Chatfield was elected president. Another meeting was called, but inclement weather prevented many from attending, and the busy officers became involved in other county activities such as the hospital program. It was decided that both projects might fail if worked for at the same time. The Library group conceded to the health interests. As a consequence nothing further has been done to extend the county library service.

This year — 1949 — interest has been obvious in Dover and the surrounding community. The Methodist church group is eager to have books in the village of Dover and asked the Rochester Public Library for help in starting a library. Miss Lucille Gottry talked to the group and presented the problems of starting "another small and inadequate library" as compared to the advantages of a larger unit for service. Miss Emily Mayne, of the Library Division, has been at Dover to talk with the president of the group.—Lucille Gottry, *Librarian*.

Pennington County

In a sense, the Carnegie Public Library of Thief River Falls has always been a county or trade area library. Everyone who did his shopping in Thief River Falls and wished to borrow books was allowed to do so. It was just one of the courtesies of the town.

This worked out very well until demands became too heavy. Roads were improved, and more people made frequent trips to Thief River Falls, the only town of any size

in the county. More children from rural districts attended high school. They soon found their way to the library and took books home. The depression came on, and more people began to read as a substitute for entertainments they could no longer afford.

Because so many in the county had become regular borrowers, an appeal to the commissioners for some financial help was considered. There was reason to believe this would not be forthcoming without a struggle, for requests were many and money not too plentiful. Besides, it was a new idea, and the county board wasn't exactly library-minded. A borrower connected with the local paper suggested talking it over with county and city officials. One thing led to another, and personal invitations were extended to these men of influence for an evening meeting with the library board and staff. There was even a promise of home made apple pie and coffee for them if they would come.

Clara Baldwin, Director of the Library Division, came from St. Paul and gave an excellent talk on county libraries and libraries in general. It was informal, a good meeting, but not a large one. Those who had worked to bring it about were none too hopeful of any immediate results, as no commissioners from the rural area could be there. The commissioner present, who represented the city, promised to bring the matter before the board if the amount requested was not over \$500. This sum was cut in half, but a beginning of support was a victory. The pie and coffee lunch has become an annual event with county commissioners, council members and other officials the honored guests. A feeling of friendliness and understanding has grown.

Books are circulated beyond county limits today on payment of a fee. Students attending the city schools are not charged and in this way portions of several counties are served. Since 1930 the rural schools have had contracts for book service.

The city and county operate as a single unit, as the size of the county and the location of Thief River Falls make it possible for some member of the family to visit the library frequently. The Library Board of Thief River Falls directs the county service. By far the greatest share of the expense is paid by the city. The 1948 income included

\$7,376 city funds, \$413 county apportionment, and \$370 from rural school contracts, a total of \$8,159. The total population of the county is 12,913.

The real need is for more space. Crowded conditions prevail as in most older libraries. For some time, suggested plans for a children's room have been on hand. These were a special project of graduate architects under Marcel Breuer at Harvard University and were drawn especially for the Carnegie Library at Thief River Falls. There is good reason to believe that because of the available plans, the urgent problem of additional space will be solved.—Mrs. Hazel P. Halgrim, *Librarian*.

Steele County

The Owatonna Free Public Library was opened for service in 1900. In 1904 Miss Maud van Buren extended service to all residents to the county, including agencies to handle deposit collections and also rural school coverage, probably the first such service in the state.

Current activities in county service include the extension of contract service to rural schools which was begun in 1947. At the present time 46 of the 66 Steele County rural schools have made the necessary arrangements. Arrangements for the service include the writing of letters to each teacher and each School Board explaining the system.

County circulation was equal to 36.72 per cent of circulation to city residents for the fiscal year ending in February, 1949.

School deposits are picked up at the library by the teacher, who usually selects the books. The county collection is kept separate. Teachers as individuals may check out small groups of books for use in the schools. Lists are distributed to county as well as city teachers.

County residents and organizations are invited to attend the Library lectures, recitals and exhibitions. In one case a county women's club shared in the promotion of a program. An increasing number of county children attended the series of movies last summer.—Audiene Graham, *Librarian*.

Washington County

Washington County Commissioners appropriate a stated amount each year to be used for County Library service, \$3,500 in 1948. The whole county has access not only

to the County Library but also to the Stillwater Public Library.

Washington County Library provides books for adults and children in the rural areas. The selection of the books is left to the judgment of the Librarian, supplemented by individual requests.

A group of citizens of Washington County, organized three years ago into "Friends of the Washington County Library", meet and discuss the problems and needs of the County Library. A speaker, usually from the Library Division of the Minnesota Department of Education, is secured. The Friends of the Washington County Library have established three "Booketerias" under local committee management. They are located in stores and in lunch rooms.

One of the problems facing the rural library service in Washington County is that of obtaining a bookmobile. During the month of October, the Library Board of Trustees conducted an experiment which at present seems to have been a success, although all facts have not been received. An ordinary truck with temporary shelving was used, with a tarpaulin stretched over the top. Many stops were made on these trips, thus the children were given an opportunity to handle and choose their own books and get acquainted with the librarian.

Another problem facing the County Library is the Interstate question. People of the St. Croix Valley from Taylors Falls to Prescott have come from time to time for library service.

Also one of the major problems is the lack of a trained librarian to do County Library work. These problems are recognized by the "Friends of the Washington County Library". They are working on them and hope to have them all solved in time.

Washington County School Boards have established the contract plan with the Stillwater Public Library. The School Boards consider this plan a necessary part of good book service for the advancement of rural school education. Every rural school of Washington County has the advantage of this service. Each year contracts are renewed and more books are bought, thus increasing the book collection which, at present, contains over a thousand books.

Library stations are housed in branches, stores, homes, post offices, banks and lunch counters.

The present system of transporting the books is by the use of mail, cartage, truck and personal pick-up. The patrons pay the return costs and the Library pays the costs of the outgoing service.—Gertrude Glennon, *Librarian*.

Amended County Library Law

AN ACT Relating to Tax Levies for County Library Purposes and Amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.33, Subdivision 1.

375.33 Free county libraries. Subdivision 1. Authorization, establishment, financing. The county board of any county in this state is hereby authorized to establish and maintain, at the county seat or any other city to be determined by the board, a public library for the free use of all residents of the county, and may levy a tax in a sum which will be produced by not to exceed two mills on the dollar of all the taxable property outside of any city or village wherein a free public library is located, or which is already taxed for the support of any such library, the proceeds of which tax shall be known as the county library fund.

Approved April 6, 1949.

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	A. L. A. Standard Over 50,000 Pop'n.			1½ Per Capita		30	6											\$1.50
492,370	Minneapolis.....	Glenn M. Lewis.....	9,300	845,028	160,625	32	2,496,901	69	3.245	950,410	242,702	1,193,112	1.93	167,065	775,715	1,134,305	2.30	
287,736	St. Paul.....	Pertie Jones.....	6,785	471,729	77,156	27	1,137,375	73	1.833	392,731	226,946	619,677	1.36	42,791	283,088	419,380	1.46	
101,065	Duluth.....	Jane Morey.....	4,940	167,354	22,914	22	439,566	72	1.833	130,728	.....	130,728	1.22	12,194	82,206	126,465	1.25	
	A. L. A. Standard 10,000-50,000 Pop'n.			2 Per Capita		40												\$1.50
12,200	Albert Lea.....	Gyla Caulfield.....	3,468	20,647	4,396	35	69,658	63	1.6	13,878	46	13,924	1.14	2,992	7,073	13,637	1.12	
18,307	Austin.....	Mabel Olson.....	2,600	28,284	9,443	51	111,132	60	2.50	21,387	722	22,109	1.17	6,138	7,610	15,820	.86	
12,071	Brainerd.....	Helen Runberg.....	2,100	18,226	4,338	35	33,637	2.7	1.75	5,387	2,795	8,182	.45	1,963	3,528	8,534	.71	
14,527	Faribault.....	Esther M. Reinke.....	3,000	30,684	5,018	43	62,109	54	5.00	18,881	983	19,865	1.65	3,892	10,534	19,879	1.73	
10,848	Fergus Falls.....	Elsie Grims.....	1,950	17,162	4,903	54	57,315	63	2.71	10,570	637	11,207	1.18	1,924	6,013	10,997	1.23	
16,385	Hibbing.....	Isabel Thoun.....	3,105	31,237	5,698	35	136,365	8.3	5.00	40,500	4,927	45,427	2.47	4,394	19,090	38,347	2.34	
15,654	Mankato.....	Isadora Vogel.....	2,880	35,604	6,093	38	98,778	6.3	3.38	12,821	2,993	14,914	.82	2,829	8,369	15,673	1.00	
26,312	Rochester.....	Lucille Gottry.....	4,800	50,534	13,819	56	166,186	6.7	2.00	32,369	4,411	36,781	1.31	9,207	23,473	41,116	1.66	
24,173	St. Cloud.....	Mrs. Merle Lennarson.....	3,360	44,299	7,729	31	123,178	5.2	7.2	27,828	1,210	29,038	1.19	5,397	16,180	27,910	1.19	
11,844	South St. Paul.....	Doris Northensold.....	3,000	12,892	4,397	35	50,016	4.2	1.50	13,583	559	14,142	1.15	3,588	8,351	15,993	1.35	
12,264	Virginia.....	Mrs. Nellie Yates.....	3,180	36,290	4,420	36	124,414	10.1	1.86	28,109	1,424	29,533	2.29	4,541	16,677	29,532	2.41	
22,490	Winona.....	Anita Saxine.....	4,000	36,906	5,741	26	105,954	4.8	3.25	36,139	1,461	37,599	1.61	6,898	14,985	30,631	1.36	
	High.....		4,800	91,237	56	10.1	2.41	
	Median.....		3,105	30,795	35	5.8	1.19	
	Low.....		2,100	12,892	26	2.771	

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⁴Include state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.

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5,051	A. L. A. Standard			3 Per	45		9										1.50
6,426	Alexandria.....	Fay Curner.....	2,013	10,387	2,237	32	16,046	3.1	1.20	5,512	580	6,092	1.05	1,128	2,496	5,003	.99
9,427	Anoka.....	Mrs. Ruth L. Smith.....	2,100	7,733	1,986	39	22,080	4.3	3.00	2,341	3,580	5,921	.46	1,064	2,572	5,182	1.01
7,642	Benjamin.....	Orda Nilson.....	2,650	10,003	3,766	39	43,947	4.6	2.50	7,469	477	7,946	.79	1,917	4,278	8,433	.89
7,304	Chisholm.....	Ann Malnar.....	3,360	42,333	2,587	34	76,194	9.9	3.20	29,087	473	29,560	3.51	2,907	9,987	23,000	3.01
6,035	Cloquet.....	Helen Jensen.....	2,850	23,543	2,789	36	69,743	9.5	3.20	14,675	734	15,410	2.01	3,322	7,740	15,271	2.09
7,034	Columbia Heights.....	Lucille R. Hawkins.....	1,740	8,379	3,654	62	20,422	3.3	3.60	2,263	16	2,279	.37	358	1,813	2,987	.50
5,015	Crookston.....	Mrs. Claire W. Madden.....	2,760	16,696	3,328	46	46,115	6.4	3.00	8,752	794	9,546	1.22	1,788	4,521	7,894	1.10
5,970	Detroit Lakes.....	Mrs. Bertha Beug.....	1,800	11,049	1,100	21	16,116	3.2	1.00	1,796	271	2,067	.36	929	1,738	3,308	.66
6,988	Ely.....	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis.....	1,909	12,292	2,123	35	29,714	4.9	1.70	5,857	104	5,962	.98	1,185	3,132	5,683	.95
8,145	Fairmont.....	Kathleen McCormick.....	2,640	26,161	3,934	48	58,105	7.1	3.43	15,975	437	15,975	2.32	1,575	9,785	15,737	1.93
5,662	Hastings.....	Mary Edwards.....	2,400	17,231	2,802	49	44,574	6.3	2.28	7,386	364	7,750	1.06	1,943	3,357	10,612	1.52
5,626	International Falls.....	Jennie L. Medure.....	3,023	8,025	2,267	44	20,638	4.4	5.00	7,499	106	4,605	.05	1,691	3,078	4,467	.95
6,047	Little Falls.....	Barbara Lentz.....	3,600	12,288	2,504	44	37,893	6.7	2.84	4,514	172	4,686	.75	641	2,574	4,696	.78
5,220	Montevideo.....	Mrs. Frances Bergh.....	1,525	11,582	2,339	58	31,324	5.1	5.00	5,835	103	6,038	1.14	962	1,545	3,835	.73
9,491	Moorhead.....	Myrtle Rundquist.....	3,300	17,850	4,070	63	56,286	5.9	3.61	17,333	826	18,153	1.83	1,286	7,246	12,890	1.28
8,743	New Ulm.....	Erna F. Holmger.....	2,580	11,784	6,011	64	60,748	6.9	3.61	14,098	0	14,098	1.61	1,386	6,300	11,148	1.28
8,694	Owatonna.....	Audene Graham.....	3,600	35,482	4,979	69	64,402	6.5	4.50	13,702	1,963	15,666	1.64	1,286	9,097	16,489	1.98
9,952	Red Wing.....	Edna V. Steiner.....	3,600	24,552	4,568	46	74,628	7.7	2.41	18,220	3,692	21,912	1.88	3,488	7,888	17,689	1.82
5,870	St. Peter.....	Mrs. Marjorie M. Haesecke.....	1,150	8,477	3,049	80	16,171	4.4	3.00	2,633	671	3,304	.73	681	1,616	3,197	.89
7,013	Stillwater.....	Gertrude Glennon.....	2,400	27,641	6,180	88	45,839	6.5	2.13	9,013	1,322	10,335	1.29	1,984	6,098	11,737	1.67
6,019	Thief River Falls.....	Mrs. Hazel Halgrim.....	2,400	15,256	5,027	83	48,113	7.9	2.81	17,217	246	17,463	2.82	1,982	5,780	15,429	2.56
7,623	Willmar.....	Any Hanscom.....	1,800	12,018	4,237	61	31,807	5.1	2.81	6,999	418	7,417	1.12	1,224	3,318	6,007	.96
5,918	Worthington.....	Mrs. Florence Humiston.....	2,400	13,265	2,614	44	60,485	10.2	3.00	9,469	1,093	10,562	1.60	1,984	6,152	9,789	1.65
	High.....		3,600	42,333	88		10.2										3.01
	Median.....		2,400	12,290	45		6.2										1.10
	Low.....		999	7,753	21		2.1										.50

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⁶Salary for part time service.

⁷Public library giving school service.

⁸Includes school and municipal appropriations.

⁹School library serving as public library.

¹⁰Salary paid by school board.

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A. L. A. Standard																	
2,633 ⁴	Bayport.....	Esther W. Paulson.....	180	3 Per Capita	351	45	1,474	9	.80	626	2,161	0	.24	364	226	590	1.50
2,729	Benson.....	Nina Brown.....	1,817	7,786	1,524	21	19,210	7.0	2.30	2,577	4,738		.94	447	1,817	2,863	.35
3,702	Blue Earth.....	Alta M. Cummings.....	1,680	11,210	1,699	38	16,646	4.4	3.30	3,157	593		.85	1,312	1,527	3,748	1.01
2,745	Breckenridge.....	Mrs. M. W. Rothwell.....	795	4,919	790	29	12,434	4.5	12½	1,490	297		.64	1,155	760	1,949	.71
2,954	Crosby.....	Mrs. Eva M. Bloomfield.....	513	8,120	868	29	8,064	2.7	16	741	31		.25	164	515	690	.23
2,504	Gilbert.....	Mrs. Eva Kieren, acting.....	409	7,546	2,607	95	22,937	9.1	2.39	7,000	571		.77	1,591	2,423	7,238	2.89
2,564	Glenwood.....	Katherine M. Nelson.....	1,080	5,811	1,512	42	15,449	6.0	19½	2,328	219		.91	3,146	1,307	7,238	.93
4,875	Grand Rapids.....	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett.....	2,100	22,296	4,821	99	66,159	13.5	48	6,912	177		.98	223	2,622	12,808	1.02
4,100	Hopkins.....	Mrs. Wm. Mountain.....	1,719	7,953	2,293	48	27,990	6.8	20	4,000	163		1.42	794	1,834	4,758	1.22
3,857	Hutchinson.....	Mrs. Mabel C. Schulte.....	1,800	11,466	1,267	26	16,952	4.3	34	4,432	205		1.14	764	1,934	4,758	1.22
2,840	Jackson.....	Mrs. L. L. Johnson.....	931	6,752	856	25	13,909	4.8	12	1,647	0		.68	621	931	1,470	.52
3,204	Lake City.....	Mrs. Sara W. McIntyre.....	1,845	9,084	2,026	80	23,294	7.2	3.30	3,240	747		1.01	804	2,348	4,325	.51
3,920	Litchfield.....	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon.....	1,650	8,674	1,767	43	19,627	5.0	3.30	3,507	410		.89	630	1,650	3,543	.72
3,314	Luverne.....	Mrs. Cora M. Main.....	1,200	8,543	1,852	56	15,006	4.8	3.00	1,495	301		.48	465	1,154	2,254	.72
3,214	Morris.....	Margaret E. Grove.....	1,680	11,950	1,631	49	20,304	6.3	3.40	3,025	107		1.13	699	1,738	3,397	1.06
3,517	North Mankato.....	Isabelle Netige.....	1,424	5,334	1,671	47	20,290	5.7	2.85	2,511	227		.71	867	1,581	2,693	.74
2,633 ⁴	North St. Paul.....	Mrs. Louise M. McIntyre.....	1,512	9,172	2,023	93	15,055	4.8	22½	2,500	75		.80	624	1,512	2,159	.69
4,533	Northfield.....	Anna Nyström.....	1,240	9,020	2,781	59	18,032	3.9	3.00	3,514	1,242		.78	667	1,451	3,032	.67
2,943	Park Rapids.....	Mrs. Ray McCollier.....	600	6,483	953	33	19,469	7.3	11½	2,971	0		.90	815	1,140	2,661	1.01
4,682	Preston.....	Mary C. Earhart, acting.....	1,832	15,105	1,958	41	32,857	7.0	3.00	4,865	427		1.06	1,454	2,821	5,078	1.08
3,270	Redwood Falls.....	Mrs. E. W. Edwards.....	1,800	7,426	1,681	51	14,359	4.3	2.8½	3,998	801		1.22	1,037	2,666	5,187	1.59
3,400	St. James.....	Mrs. George Adrian.....	1,200	5,555	1,673	49	11,818	3.4	4.00	1,982	144		.49	917	1,296	2,284	.67
3,016 ⁴	Sauk Centre.....	Lewis E. Olds.....	3,180	15,402	1,813	62	25,552	8.9	5.30	5,777	104		1.51	1,676	3,507	5,830	2.05
2,981	Sauk Rapids.....	Mollie Perkowski.....	2,540	5,197	2,775	93	11,558	3.9	2.10	1,100	0		.17	637	2,540	2,897	.97
2,923	Steep Eye.....	Helen Domrowski.....	1,200	4,913	639	21	5,905	2.2	3.00	2,479	0		.85	321	1,215	2,400	.82
2,952	Staples.....	Carrie M. Mayer.....	720	5,909	407	13	11,082	3.7	2.00	893	108		.29	383	735	1,307	.44
3,085	Tracy.....	Mrs. James Finnigan.....	1,300	7,990	3,371	96	12,415	4.0	2.80	1,328	159		.43	978	1,230	2,254	.73
2,946	Two Harbors.....	Mrs. Alice W. Hamilton.....	2,320	9,021	1,404	36	27,947	7.8	3.00	2,763	318		1.43	2,827	950	3,611	1.07
2,616	Wadena.....	Rose Wagner.....	2,222	8,045	1,191	31	20,473	7.0	2.4½	2,463	293		.93	411	2,222	3,111	.88
2,635	White Bear.....	Ada M. Palmer.....	1,300	5,014	2,098	73	18,440	5.0	2.40	2,463	293		.93	411	2,222	3,111	.88
2,867	White Bear.....	Mrs. Lucy B. Olson.....	623	5,558	680	23	8,581	3.0	1.00	700	317		.27	608	623	1,283	.44
High			3,180	22,296	99	44	13.5									2,89	2.89
Median			1,370	5,045	99	44	4.8									96	.96
Low			180	2,786	13	13	4.8									23	.23

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Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open for Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES					
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita*	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor Expenses	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n.			3 Per Capita	45		9											\$1.50
1,938	Ada.....	Mrs. Johanna Olson.....	297	957	339	13	1,221	8	1.00	513	8	521	.26	176	297	491	.25	
2,063	Aitkin.....	Mrs. Pearl G. Baker.....	720	4,980	1,255	58	4,126	24	3.00	1,916	37	1,953	.93	291	720	1,329	.65	
1,877	Appleton.....	Mrs. I. P. Cheney.....	360	5,745	694	36	4,314	12	.16	600	27	627	.32	174	360	576	.31	
1,528	Aurora.....	Ann Hodnik.....	935	4,513	636	42	5,628	13	5.00	2,981	0	2,981	1.95	161	935	2,758	1.80	
1,017	Baudette.....	Doris Hanson.....	170	2,772	423	40	5,590	4 1/2	.16	210	84	294	.21	112	170	282	.28	
1,407	Belle Plaine.....	Mrs. J. J. Rendle.....	106	2,256	234	17	2,335	6	1.00	516	31	547	.37	313	106	432	.31	
1,201	Bird Island.....	Mrs. D. R. Miller.....	360	3,106	230	19	5,015	6 1/2	1.40	633	20	653	.53	205	360	565	.47	
1,355	Bovey.....	Mrs. Margaret Gracie.....	1,620	6,919	787	45	17,990	13.2	5.00	4,238	136	4,375	3.13	1,303	2,363	4,223	3.12	
1,075	Brown Valley.....	Florence Stassen.....	540	3,734	538	50	4,516	4.2	3.64	867	543	1,410	.81	168	577	1,290	1.17	
1,695	Buffalo.....	Pearl L. Aldrich.....	540	6,127	938	55	8,409	4.9	1.00	958	30	988	.56	284	540	887	.52	
1,800	Buhl.....	Ethel Binney.....	2,400	14,157	447	27	16,725	10.4	1.24	7,575	500	8,075	4.73	948	2,908	8,078	5.05	
1,985	Canby.....	Celia Bouquet.....	720	6,286	1,106	42	6,236	4.5	2.70	1,258	99	1,357	.63	431	660	1,657	.83	
2,099	Chaska.....	Mrs. Anne Lortie.....	660	9,188	1,672	52	17,833	8.4	1.20	960	291	1,251	.46	449	713	1,263	.80	
1,640	Chaska.....	Mrs. Alberta Wilson.....	101,545	8,231	1,286	49	11,395	6.9	2.30	72,743	405	3,147	1.04	264	1,578	3,016	1.84	
1,175	Cokato.....	Elsie Ronholm.....	192,500	4,305	54	5	13,482	11.4	.15	300	450	750	.26	809	2,500	3,374	2.87	
1,325	Coon Rapids.....	Helen D. Weaver.....	2,560	11,986	1,233	64	23,691	13.9	3.07	8,280	355	8,635	6.25	1,762	4,166	10,407	7.85	
1,045	Dawson.....	Mrs. Lolene Trotter.....	625	3,226	448	20	5,095	3.0	.15	2,641	629	3,270	1.60	377	625	2,268	1.38	
1,245	Elk River.....	Mrs. Zella M. Page.....	600	4,062	1,111	89	3,405	2.7	2.50	1,013	89	1,102	.81	335	600	983	.79	
1,116	Farmington.....	Ruth M. Schweiss.....	258	4,853	123	11	3,812	8 1/2	.15	600	0	600	.45	252	258	332	.48	
1,580	Glencoe.....	Stella Judson.....	188	1,704	900	57	5,602	2.4	.15	200	39	239	.13	137	188	327	.31	
2,357	Granville.....	Mrs. Arthur Berglund.....	363	6,015	812	34	7,096	6.3	5.00	1,197	143	1,340	.34	356	363	759	.32	
1,020	Granville.....	Mrs. Paul Gay.....	460	3,178	647	37	9,286	2.9	1.25	1,197	971	1,294	1.77	371	490	1,207	1.18	
2,358	Granite Falls.....	Mrs. E. B. Whitney.....	555	6,103	553	32	5,810	3.8	1.25	1,350	75	1,425	.57	279	555	1,668	.70	
1,353	Hallock.....	Mrs. E. C. Borley.....	0	3,990	.....	.....	310	2	.15	155	4	159	.11	217	219	319	.16	
1,249	Kasson.....	Alicia C. Jensen.....	600	3,529	900	71	5,842	4.7	.15	348	24	372	.06	618	618	848	.69	
1,249	Keweenaw.....	Anna M. Lewis.....	23,602	765	765	41	18,342	3.4	38 1/2	75,588	24	5,645	.09	766	4,769	5,642	2.91	
1,530	Keweenaw.....	Anna Munson.....	156	2,531	350	20	7,736	4.1	.15	371	27	408	.24	219	156	381	.25	
2,302	Le Sueur.....	Carrie M. Caldwell.....	698	3,507	965	29	6,580	4.1	1.80	1,171	209	1,380	.51	538	698	1,462	.64	
2,311	Long Prairie.....	Dora M. Fisher.....	455	3,598	749	31	8,259	3.5	.90	1,573	50	623	.23	278	455	735	.32	

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³Public library giving school service.

⁴Includes school and municipal appropriations.

⁵School library serving as public library.

⁶Salary paid by school board.

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⁸No tax levied. Receipts appropriation from general fund.

MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1949

Popu- lation (1940 Census)	PLACE	LIBRARIAN	Salary	Volumes in Library	BORROWERS		Circu- lation Per Capita	Hours Per Week Open or Lending	RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURES				
					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy on Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita ¹	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclusive of Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita
				3 Per Capita		45	9										\$1.50
2,312	A. L. A. Standard 1,000-2,500 Pop'n. —Continued—																
1,065	Madison.....	Mrs. C. W. Kells.....	1,615	9,893	1,207	36	15,740	6.8	4.00	2,360	632	2,993	.87	682	1,933	3,313	1.43
1,741	Montgomery.....	Mrs. I. R. Culshaw.....	150	2,898	783	74	2,995	2.8	1.00	269	41	310	.25	128	155	283	.27
1,076	Monticello.....	Lena M. Lehman.....	840	1,434	476	27	5,387	3.0	1.00	500	48	548	.29	201	540	744	.43
1,432	Mountain Lake.....	Mrs. W. Thorsen.....	144	4,234	746	69	5,352	5.1	1.00	396	0	396	.37	315	45	370	.34
1,792	Mountain Iron.....	Mrs. Nellie Anderson.....	1,859	13,356	807	46	17,713	11.8	1.00	206	157	363	.48	251	144	408	.36
1,748	Olivia.....	Mrs. George A. Kaskela.....	687	4,387	1,269	55	7,093	4.7	1.02	6,340	65	6,405	.58	477	3,214	6,327	.82
2,488	Ortonville.....	Mrs. L. F. Mahler.....	1,109	6,879	1,269	27	16,970	6.8	2.40	1,021	38	1,059	.38	874	607	1,581	.68
1,317	Paysonville.....	Mrs. Ada M. Thomsen.....	480	3,573	1,269	55	8,655	4.7	2.40	2,552	161	2,713	.56	552	480	1,268	.71
1,718	Paysonville.....	Mrs. L. F. Mahler.....	300	3,843	1,074	62	8,436	7.4	2.40	1,000	36	1,036	.57	778	336	1,312	.84
1,040	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	2,200	8,042	1,611	57	17,971	17.2	2.24	4,012	32	4,044	1.73	710	2,466	4,645	3.89
1,500	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	600	5,072	1,850	57	3,507	2.3	1.60	826	60	886	.55	279	600	931	.62
1,447	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	840	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,865	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,775	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,182	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,507	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,559	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,587	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
2,133	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
2,261	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,925	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,925	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
2,068	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,639	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,600	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,992	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
1,386	Paysonville.....	Mrs. H. H. Johnson.....	900	3,988	519	35	7,000	4.8	2.70	1,054	38	1,092	.73	209	840	1,202	.83
	High.....		3,602	14,187		89	17,657	17.2							1,200	2,441	7.85
	Median.....		600	4,475		45	4.1	2.2									71
	Low.....		45	957		5											.00

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⁷Includes state institution residents who receive state-supported service. Per capita are based only on local population.
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					Total Including Non- Resident	Per Cent of Local Popu- lation Regis- tered			Tax Levy in Mills	Public Funds	Other Funds	Total Exclud- ing Balance	Tax Income Per Capita*	Books, Period- icals, Binding	Salaries Exclud- ing Janitor	Total Oper- ating Expenses	Per Capita	
	A. L. A. Standard Less Than 1,000 Population			3 Per Capita	45		9											\$1.50
553	Belgrade	Mrs. E. P. Poverud	206	1,403	463	84	1,372	2.4	10	318	915	915	.42	171	206	392	.71	
753	Blackduck	Mrs. Roy Balager	100	2,033	502	67	4,850	6.4	4 1/2	0	65	383	.26	191	117	422	.56	
786	Browerville	Rose R. Bemis	120	2,585	239	30	4,550	5.7	5	207	0	207	.26	81	120	216	.28	
946	Calumet	Sophie Niegovan	1,020	4,435	451	48	9,932	10.4	31	2,466	88	2,554	2.61	1,233	1,178	2,902	3.07	
700	Carlton	Mrs. H. V. LeMaster	340	2,762	245	31	3,436	4.9	8	1,136	25	1,161	1.62	257	340	604	.95	
845	Clara City	Mrs. Henry Priebe	240	3,076	603	71	2,506	2.9	8	507	157	664	.60	396	240	756	.84	
815	Edgerton	Mrs. Lelia Tindall	No re- ported															
961	Foley	Mrs. Al Herbrand	259	2,589	275	29	6,000	6.3	16 1/2	813	32	845	.85	116	255	992	1.00	
984	Fulda	Mrs. J. W. Jones	260	3,125	365	37	4,152	4.2	10	480	104	584	.49	116	255	515	.52	
985	Grand Marais	Gertrude Allen	360	4,560	307	36	2,583	3.0	16	660	124	784	.77	190	435	1,005	1.18	
820	Henderson	Margaret Folta	0	800	110	13	545	.6	5	400	154	554	.49	211	56	529	.65	
873	Hinckley	Mrs. Anna E. Burk	720	2,247	1,203	35	13,937	15.9	25	823	135	958	.94	209	600	888	1.02	
462	Howard Lake	Mrs. Edwin Rauech	300	2,668	310	35	4,115	4.8	6	1,115	0	1,115	1.32	454	300	783	.92	
827	Ironton	Gladys Sunde	600	4,507	696	82	6,499	7.8	8	1,021	45	1,066	1.23	160	720	881	1.07	
961	Kinney	Mrs. Mamie F. Maki	840	7,290	312	66	8,342	18.0	19	1,773	1,537	3,310	3.84	543	873	3,509	7.60	
902	Lake Benton	Mrs. H. N. Helgeson	240	3,671	1,030	86	3,863	4.0	14	400	26	426	.42	129	240	369	.38	
922	Lamberton	Mrs. H. N. Helgeson	255	2,323	882	96	1,529	1.6	5	285	71	356	.31	126	255	403	.44	
752	Le Roy	Elizabeth Ann Price	265	3,923	816	42	4,077	5.4	10	993	700	1,693	1.32	158	265	1,444	1.92	
637	Lindstrom	Mrs. M. D. Haferson	120	1,724	388	60	3,240	5.0	4	200	50	250	.31	145	120	265	.42	
235	McKinley		120	1,462	91	39	1,127	4.7	6	1,244	0	1,244	5.29	173	645	1,341	5.71	
702	Marble	Mrs. Earl Dickens	1,020	5,945	486	61	5,577	7.0	30	1,523	12	1,535	1.92	800	1,070	2,019	2.55	
580	Maynard	Mrs. Harry Docken	143	3,335	146	25	1,871	3.2	8	576	12	212	.94	159	143	336	.58	
846	Morgan	Mrs. E. R. Lamp, acting	314	2,599	263	31	5,372	6.3	26	576	1,275	1,852	.68	409	974	1,690	2.00	
872	Newport	Frances Armstrong	282	4,239	921	98	3,160	3.6	8 1/2	787	55	842	.90	307	435	947	1.09	
552	Taylor Falls	Mrs. Frances F. Mordock	240	4,784	365	66	5,102	9.2	10	524	24	548	.95	194	240	564	1.02	
604	Wabasso	Dorothy M. Starken	455	2,240	352	58	3,670	6.0	14	766	788	1,554	1.27	84	455	924	1.53	
939	Walker	Mrs. J. C. Jewell	480	4,769	677	72	3,456	3.6	16 1/2	678	214	892	.72	228	480	776	.83	
	High		1,020	7,260		98	18.0										7.60	
	Median		282	2,919		58	5.0										.98	
	Low		100	800		13	.6										.28	

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COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE, 1949

COUNTY	Popu- lation Served	LIBRARY	LIBRARIAN	Book Stock	Registered County Borrowers	Circu- lation	Circu- lation Per Capita	DISTRIBUTING POINTS		Tax Levy in Mills	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES		
								Branches	Stations		County Income	Tax Income Per Capita	Books, Periodi- cals, Binding	Salaries or Services	Total
Blue Earth.....	20,549	Blue Earth Co. Lib., Mankato	Mrs. Margaret Leonard	23,040	5,130	91,142	4.43	3	13	1.00	13,643	.66	2,994	8,954	13,946
Clay.....	15,846	Moorhead Public Library	Mary Cary.....	4	First year	of service	not yet	complete	d.....	.....	10,000	.63	.....	.....	.....
Dakota.....	20,574 ²	Farmington Public Library	Stella Judson.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	150	.....	4	4	4
Grant.....	8,678 ²	South St. Paul Public Library	Doris Nordenschild.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	750	.....	4	720	750
Hennepin.....	72,420	Elbow Lake Library	Helen A. Young.....	94,272	1,394	470,283	6.49	23	7	1.00	38,254	.52	8,393	28,244	40,427
Isanti ¹	12,950 ²	Isanti Co. Lib., Mpls.....	Mrs. A. Hansen, Act.....	4,364	2,664	11,094	.85	0	9	1.00	3,396	.26	1,250	2,443	4,343
Itasca.....	19,188	Grand Rapids Public Library	Mrs. Mata C. Bennett.....	5,937	568	14,693	.76	6	15	2.00	9,876	.52	4	4	4
Kanabec ¹	9,651 ²	Kanabec Co. Library, Mora.....	Mrs. Edw. Schultz.....	5,431	846	13,319	1.38	0	7	.50	1,081	.11	483	634	1,177
Kandiyohi ¹	18,901	Kandiyohi Co. Lib., Willmar.....	Marie Knudson.....	9,951	1,738	14,544	.76	0	6	1.00	10,769	.57	3,690	4,628	12,472
Koochiching.....	11,304 ²	International Falls Pub. Lib.	Mrs. A. W. Hamilton.....	22,234	2,987	8,241	1.49	0	12	2.00	1,403	.12	4	4	4
Lake.....	2,910 ²	Two Harbors Public Library	Mrs. Margaret Eubanks.....	19,215	7,538	16,845	2.83	0	12	1.44	1,591	.55	2,532	8,905	12,163
Lyon.....	17,419	Marshall-Lyon Co. Library	Joan Wannarka, Act.....	4	4	67,458	3.81	0	13	1.00	14,293	.82	3,228	5,844	10,297
Martin ¹	17,668	Martin Co. Library, Fairmont	Mrs. Bess F. Harmon.....	6,178	468	21,807	1.13	0	0	.....	650	.....	3,803	6,089	12,032
Meeker.....	15,357 ²	Litchfield Public Library	Wayne R. Bassett.....	4	.....	17,337	1.13	0	12	1.00	13,114	.86	4	4	4
Olmsted.....	15,297	Nobles Co. Lib., Worthington	Lucille Gottry.....	4	1,583	13,093	.85	0	0	.....	2,000	.13	4	4	4
Pennington.....	16,206	Rochester Public Library	Mrs. Hazel Holgrim.....	10,643	1,295	19,215	2.78	0	0	.....	2,000	.15	4	4	4
Ramsey.....	46,411	Thief River Falls Public Lib.	Mrs. Ruth Palmer.....	11,161	4,459	11,714	.72	0	6	1.14	16,986	1.05	953	13,335	16,982
St. Louis.....	43,633	Ramsey Co. Library, St. Paul	Lauretta F. Orren.....	14,564	2,034	55,133	.....	2	34	.....	4,000	.34	1,117	2,666	4,080
Stearns.....	11,053 ²	Duluth Public Library	Mrs. Ruth Nankervis.....	2,829	750	24,777	3.93	2	0	.33	4,000	.....	1,057	3,012	4,370
Steele.....	15,186	Hibbing Public Library	Ida Friedman.....	11,303	2,180	75,241	.....	1	21	.....	4,000	.....	1,203	3,806	4,106
Washington.....	15,912 ²	Virginia Public Library	Aunt Gordon.....	4	1,491	27,546	.....	0	30	1.00	4,000	.34	1,057	2,558	4,000
Watsonwan ¹	10,502	Stearns Co. Lib., St. Cloud	Mary Baker.....	4	2,000	38,287	.87	0	22	.....	4,000	.26	4	4	4
Totals.....	459,811	Waseca Public Library	Audience Graham.....	241,122	993	6,157	.55	0	3	.39	2,919	.....	115	1,934	2,738
	329,203 ²	Waseca Co. Library, Waseca	Gertrude Glennon.....	4	1,118	7,096	.48	3	18	.....	4,500	.29	1,612	3,851	10,410
		Stillwater Public Library	Frances Armstrong.....	4	2,571	25,141	2.39	1	8	1.00	7,367	.70	33,389	.....	165,577
		Newport.....	Mrs. A. S. Crowley.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Watsonwan Co. Lib., St. James	.....	4	4	4	4	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

¹Has County Library Board.²Does not meet A. L. A. Standards for Listing: \$5,000 or \$8.10 per capita whichever is larger.³Includes only counties meeting A. L. A. Standards for Listing.⁴Public and county library statistics not kept separately.⁵No tax levied. Receives appropriation from county treasury.⁶Receives 1 mill from County, 2½ mills from city of Marshall.

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1949

PLACE	Population	Book Stock	Circulation	RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
				Village	Other	Total	Per Capita
Annandale.....	755	1906	.....	75	25	81	.11
Bagley.....	1241	1550	2449	605	50	651	.52
Buffalo Lake.....	637 ¹	649	599	.....	43	26	.04
Chaska.....	1927	4300	3850	360	40	409	.21
Chicago City.....	510	909	405	25	78	123	.24
Cook.....	470	1031	4315	180	160	321	.68
Deerwood.....	570	2065	350	99	17	82	.14
Dennison.....	216 ¹	300	300	.....	12	5	.02
Dodge Center.....	1029	3000	2600	.....	406	260	.25
*Elbow Lake.....	1150	4719	7044	120	200	335	.29
Elmore.....	923 ¹	No report	received	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fosston.....	1271 ¹	1127	620	146	70	103	.08
Grand Meadow.....	700	1821	2914	.....	62	487	.70
Hancock.....	827	1340	1630	163	119	135	.16
Harmony.....	890	1500	2187	50	221	269	.30
Hayfield.....	742 ¹	900	666	.....	3	.....	.....
Hector.....	1044	4988	9970	900	125	1019	.98
Hendricks.....	740	985	.....	.....	132	165	.22
Henning.....	948 ¹	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hills.....	450 ¹	.....	333	.....	3	13	.03
Lanesboro.....	1100	4095	2617	300	144	395	.36
Le Center.....	1232	2672	6003	281	38	453	.37
Mabel.....	741	2171	2217	150	58	130	.18
McGregor.....	311	1043	610	102	.....	95	.30
McIntosh.....	903	No report	received	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mahnomen.....	1429	3787	.....	450	.....	450	.31
Milaca.....	1627 ¹	2850	1500	.....	76	84	.05
Nerstrand.....	251	3000	3140	.....	223	184	.73
New York Mills.....	771 ¹	3000	750	100	8	22	.03
Perham.....	1534	3700	2500	200	.....	200	.13
Peterson.....	331	1800	.....	50	80	103	.31
Rose Creek.....	261	1800	384	.....	23	40	.15
Royalton.....	518	2920	800	230	8	231	.45
Rush City.....	1182	3050	4038	.....	15	175	.15
Shafer.....	106 ¹	1097	248	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waconia.....	1315	2000	3000	240	38	231	.18
Watertown.....	737	1000	3700	388	68	456	.62
West Concord.....	744	1482	980	50	50	128	.17
Westbrook.....	871 ¹	3000	1859	.....	115	70	.08
Grand Totals.....	33,004	77,557	74,578	5,264	2,740	7,931	.....
Population Served.....	24,442	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

LOOKING OVER THE MAP

5 Counties With No Legally Established Public Libraries

Carver	Grant	Red Lake
Clearwater	Mahnomen	

22 Counties With Only One Library, Either a Legal Public Library
or an Association Library

Becker	Freeborn	Mahnomen ²	Scott
Cass	Grant ²	Marshall	Sherburne
Clearwater ²	Hubbard	Meeker	Traverse
Cook	Jackson	Norman	Wadena
Douglas	Kittson	Pope	Wilkin
	Lake of the Woods	Roseau	

¹Because of low per capita expenditures (less than 10c) this figure is not included in Population Served.²Association Libraries.³See table on county library service.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS, 1949

SUMMARY

POPULATION DIVISIONS	Number of Li- braries	Population Served	BOOK COLLECTIONS		CIRCULATION		EXPENDITURES			
			Number of Volumes in Libraries	Vol- umes Per Capita	Number of Volumes Loaned	Circu- lation Per Capita	Books, Peri- odicals, Binding	Per Capita Expend- itures Books, Peri- odicals, Binding	Total Operating Expenses	Expend- itures Per Capita
Public Libraries:										
Serving over 50,000 population.	3	881,171	1,484,141	1.68	4,073,842	4.6	222,050	.25	1,680,150	1.91
Serving 10,000-50,000 population	12	197,075	444,965	2.25	1,142,742	5.7	54,263	.28	268,069	1.36
Serving 5,000-10,000 population	24	167,052	395,600	2.36	998,375	5.9	43,247	.25	241,278	1.44
Serving 2,500-5000 population.	31	101,749	267,411	2.62	569,738	5.5	27,263	.27	104,479	1.03
Serving 1,000-2,500 population.	58	94,156	295,361	4.10	445,260	4.7	23,256	.24	99,829	1.05
Serving less than 1,000 pop'n.	27	20,719	85,154	4.10	114,863	5.5	7,124	.34	25,501	1.23
Giving county service	24 ¹	459,811	241,122	.....	1,080,168	.....	33,829	.....	165,577	.....
Association Libraries.	39	33,004	77,557	.....	74,578	.....	.....	.....	7,931	.....
State Institution Libraries	19	²	67,566	.....	335,424	.....	6,885	.....	10,720	.....
On the basis of population served	.....	1,954,737	3,358,877	1.71	8,834,990	4.5	417,917	.21	2,603,534	1.33
On the basis of total population.	.....	2,792,300 ³	3,358,877	1.20	8,834,990	3.1	417,917	.16	2,603,534	.93

Number of Libraries

Public libraries maintained by tax support or public funds.....	155
Libraries organized as separate county units.....	7 ¹
Public libraries maintained by Associations.....	39
State Institution libraries.....	19
Total	220

With Public Library Service

Population of Minnesota (87 counties).....	2,792,300 ³
Population served by public libraries.....	1,461,922
Population served through county service.....	459,811
Population served by Association libraries.....	33,004
Total population served (70%)	1,954,737

Without Public Library Service

Urban	3,511
Rural	834,052
Total population not served (30%)	837,563

¹Seven organized as county libraries. In addition 17 public libraries give county service.²Included previously in separate tables for towns and cities.³Figure represents total population—not population with library service.

RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE
School Year 1948-49

COUNTY	CONTRACTING AGENCY	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Book Stock	Circulation	INCOME			EXPENDITURES		
						Schools		Other Sources Misc.	Books	Supplies	Other
						Books	Supplies				
Becker.....	Detroit Lakes Pub. Lib...	97	1,969	11,826	7,844	\$970.00	\$485.00	\$300.00	\$703.17	\$84.09	\$700.91
Beltrami.....	Bemidji Pub. Lib.....	39	1,042	3,134	9,377	648.60			474.24	26.70	
Big Stone.....	County Superintendent...	30	474	2,633	4,705	354.00	30.00	103.51	415.78	5.25	51.07
Blue Earth.....	Blue Earth County Lib...	53 ¹	1,116	4,010	51,339	1,094.77	64.23	5.00	1,099.77	64.23	
Clay.....	Moorhead Pub. Lib.....	44	1,233	6,046	7,702	697.37		500.00	703.77	14.96	
Freeborn.....	Albert Lea Pub. Lib.....	80	1,288	4,960	27,161	1,304.00	160.00		1,323.96	32.00	197.00
Goodhue.....	Red Wing Pub. Lib.....	31	394	1,363	5,339	394.00	62.00	1.32	393.00	18.00	46.32
Grant.....	Elbow Lake Library.....	27	900	1,928	3,789	300.00			300.00		
Hennepin.....	Hennepin County Lib ⁴ ...				73,704						
Hubbard.....	County Superintendent...	22	991	4,051	3,000	250.00	24.00		158.94	5.03	8.50
Koochiching.....	International Falls P. L.	11	1,375	3,803	27,446	2,100.00			2,100.00		
Lake of the Woods.....	County Superintendent...	8	164	2,150	2,150	191.89	8.40		191.89	8.40	
Lyon.....	Marshall-Lyon Co. Lib...	21	343	8,890	6,476	347.00			350.00		
Martin.....	Martin County Lib.....	67 ¹	976	8,582	44,795	902.60		335.00	1,241.29		
Mower.....	Austin Public Library...	67 ²	1,152	3,910	9,953	1,152.00			814.00		288.00
Nobles.....	Nobles County Library...	27	345	274	15,178	345.00					
Pennington.....	Thief River Falls P. L.	32	480	4,260	13,687	480.00			481.27		
Polk.....	Crookston Pub. Lib.....	67	1,024	3,792	12,260	976.00			383.50	16.50	437.00
Ramsey.....	Ramsey County Lib.....	31	3,001	23,978	66,020	2,619.40	96.89		2,619.40	96.89	
Red Lake.....	County Superintendent...	11	143	2,200		110.00	2.50		56.00	2.50	
Redwood.....	Redwood Falls Pub. Lib.	52	950	2,475	7,079	1,251.00			816.03		
Rice.....	Faribault Public Lib...	26	374	1,938	10,153	374.00		52.00	374.00		52.00
Roseau.....	County Superintendent...	65	1,596	6,759	18,960	1,140.75			1,102.12 ³	38.63	
St. Louis.....	Duluth Public Library ⁴ ...	See			County Library Report						
Sherburne.....	St. Cloud Public Lib...	11	212	292	6,839	212.00	22.00	7.37	213.49	22.00	
Stearns.....	Stearns County Lib.....	92	2,221	6,398	54,664	2,076.00			2,076.00		
Waseca.....	Waseca County Lib.....	51	2,851	1,380	13,691	516.50			516.50		
Washington.....	Washington County Lib...	40	1,413	5,172	41,515	1,111.50	112.00		1,111.50	112.50	
Watonwan.....	Watonwan County Lib...	39	463	1,882	14,090	699.00			699.00		13.75

¹Includes two graded elementary and secondary schools²Nine of these schools are in Freeborn County³Includes film strips as well as books⁴No contract service to rural schools

Award Winners

Marguerite de Angeli will receive the 1949 John Newbery Medal as the author of the most distinguished book published in the United States during the year. Her winning book, *Door in the Wall*, has thirteenth-century England as its background. The author and her husband are the parents of five children and have several grandchildren. They make their home at Toms River, New Jersey.

As the winner of the 1949 Caldecott Medal, Leo Politi will be honored as the artist of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the United States during the year. *Song of the Swallows*, the winning book, tells the story of the annual arrival of the swallows on March 19 — St. Joseph's Day — at the Mission of San Juan Capistrano. Mr. Politi was born in Fresno, California, but went to Italy with his family at the age of seven. Returning to this country in his early twenties, he and Mrs. Politi made their first home on Olvero Street in Los Angeles. He has been runner-up twice (in 1946 and 1948) for the Caldecott Medal.

Frederick G. Melcher, President of the R. R. Bowker Company, established the John Newbery Medal in 1921, and the Caldecott Medal in 1937. Winners are selected by the Newbery-Caldecott Awards Committee of the Children's Library Association.

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Rochester Increase

The people of Rochester voted to amend their charter to increase the library tax rate from 2 mills to 3. Despite the fact that on election day more than a foot of snow fell, a sufficient number of affirmative voters turned out to provide the 60% required for the change. In fact the vote for the library amendment topped that for a ball park grandstand by several hundred affirmative ballots.

County Library News

Clay County has started regular book lending service in two new stations—Hawley and Dilworth.

Kandiyohi County Library announces that it is opening a new sub-station in Atwater at the N. L. Larson drug store. Another station will be opened at Lake Lillian in the Coil Radio Shop.

Wayne R. Bassett, Librarian of the Nobles County Library, has announced the opening of a library station in Adrian. The county station will be located in the building formerly occupied by the Adrian library.

Veteran Users

The six oldest known users of the St. Paul Public Library were honored at the fourth annual meeting of The Friends of the Public Library, Inc. Awarded certificates in recognition of their long standing with the institution were E. H. Swain, Edward Boggs, Mrs. Joseph Worscher, Ernest H. Gustafson, Mrs. August Witte, and Richard A. Lindblad. The six have used the library a total of 299 years.

Personal

Della McGregor, Chief, Juvenile Division, St. Paul Public Library has been appointed editor of the *Hunters Fare* section of the Horn Book.

Mrs. Alida Hansen has been appointed librarian of the Isanti County Library, taking the position left vacant by Lelia Hall.

Lucile Glover, Librarian of the Kandiyohi County Library, has announced that she is resigning her position there to accept an appointment as head of the Lake County

Library, Lakeview, Oregon. Miss Glover has served as county librarian since service was started in August, 1948. Best wishes.

Mrs. Vivian Norrid, former chief librarian at the Eveleth Public Library, a position she held from July 1928 until a few months ago when she moved to Rapid City, S. D., died February 22, 1950 in Rapid City.

Subject Headings

The Sixth Edition of *Sears' List of Subject Headings*, edited by Bertha M. Frick, has just been issued by the H. W. Wilson Company (568p. \$4. The H. W. Wilson Company, New York 52). The first edition to be published since the issuance of the new American Library Association and Library of Congress cataloging rules, it embodies many changes both in content and in cataloging style. Every effort has been made to bring the work fully abreast of current practices and to facilitate its use both in practical cataloging and in teaching.

New headings have been added for such subjects as *Antibiotics*, *Atomic bomb*, and *Pressure cookery*, and many older headings have been changed to agree with Library of Congress usage and current terminology; for example: *Child welfare* replaces *Children—Charities, protection, etc.*, *Near East* has been substituted for *Levant*, *Houses for Dwellings*, *Personnel management* for *Employment management*.

At the request of catalogers and teachers of cataloging, many more notes defining the meaning and scope of subjects have been added, to assist students and practicing catalogers in differentiating between overlapping topics.

There are also numerous changes in typography, capitalization and filing, including the printing in boldface type of all headings to be used for books; capitalization in accordance with the latest A.L.A. and Library of Congress rules; the use of *x* and *xx* to signify "Refer from (see reference)" and "Refer from (see also reference)"; and the interfiling in one alphabet of subject subdivisions and inverted headings, without respect to punctuation (thus *Art-Catalogs* follows *Art*, *Ancient* and precedes *Art, Decorative*).

The first edition of this indispensable library tool was prepared by Minnie E. Sears in 1923 and was published under the title, *List of Subject Headings for Small Libraries*. To the Third Edition, published ten years later, Miss Sears added a section on "Practical Suggestions for the Beginner in Subject Heading Work," still a valuable feature of the work. The editor of the Fourth and Fifth Editions, Isabel S. Monro, considerably expanded the scope of the List, because of its increased use in medium-sized libraries, and added Dewey Decimal Classification numbers to the headings.

With the Sixth Edition the title has been changed to commemorate Miss Sears' pioneering work and fundamental contributions. The editor of this edition, Bertha M. Frick, is Assistant Professor of Library Service at the Columbia University School of Library Service.

Washington Office

Mrs. Margie Sornson Malmberg, of Big Island, Virginia, has been appointed Director of the Washington Office of the American Library Association, which is located in the Hotel Congressional, 300 New Jersey Avenue, S. E.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin and of the University of Minnesota Library School, Mrs. Malmberg served as librarian of the public libraries in Viroqua, Chippewa Falls and Appleton, Wisconsin. In 1949 she was Executive Secretary of the Wisconsin Library Association.

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Helen Weaver, Librarian, Coleraine Public Library, reports the death of Mr. R. P. Weidenfeller, a member of her library board since 1932. Mr. Weidenfeller was chief engineer for the Canisteo district of the Oliver Mining Company.

Mrs. Maud Mabey has resigned as a member of the Thief River Falls Carnegie Library board after more than 40 years of service.

Bibliographic Organization

The Fifteenth Annual Conference (formerly institute) of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago will be held July 24-29 on the subject of "Bibliographic Organization."

The acceleration of publications in all fields has made it increasingly difficult for the librarian to meet the needs of scholar, technician, and general public. Better means of quick and accurate access to printed records of all kinds are needed. The conference will attempt to clarify current thought on the problems of bibliographical organization, which have recently received the attention of many agencies—public and private, national and international. Three major aspects will be considered: (1) the historical and philosophical background dealing with the functions, methods, and organization of bibliographical services; (2) current developments in both thinking and practice; (3) future trends in the field.

Already there is some evidence to support the belief that new techniques may render obsolete traditional library practices and tools. Although the functions of reference workers, classifiers and catalogers will be most immediately affected, in the long run the net effect should be improved accessibility of library materials for the general public. Because the librarian is in the best position to observe the total flow of graphic communication and to analyze the relation between reader and reading materials, he can make further contributions to the development of the methods and organization of bibliographical services.

The topics to be covered during the Conference will include the special functions of bibliographic devices; the historical development of new types as literature changes and grows; the adequacy of existing services in the various subject fields, with special attention to specific problems in a few selected areas; the role of classification in the newer types of bibliographic devices; and the development of electronic and other machines, with their possible uses.

Because of the importance of this subject for future library planning and develop-

ment, the program should be of interest to library administrators, to subject and functional department heads and assistants, and to special librarians, as well as to those engaged in research in the various subject fields.

A leaflet describing the detailed program of the Conference will be available upon request in the Spring of 1950. For further information address the Dean of the Graduate Library School University of Chicago.

Buildings

The Watonwan County Library has purchased the Swan Nelson residence in St. James and plans to use it as a county library building.

In an effort to expedite the use of its one and one-half million books, the University of Minnesota Library has been installing a conveyor system for moving material from the 12 levels of book stacks to the reading rooms. A pneumatic tube system carries messages to library pages stationed on the various stack levels. The desired books are then sent on the conveyor to the waiting students in the reading rooms. New lights have also been installed in several of the library's large reading rooms.

The Montevideo Public Library has continued its remodeling program by adding a light modern asphalt tile covering on its main floor. New wall shelving is also being installed. Previously the interior of the library had been repainted in gay colors.

The main reading room, reference room, stack area, and office of the Coleraine Public Library has been painted a soft green, while the children's room has light gray walls and yellow book cases.

The Pipestone Public Library has finished providing a new foundation and new supports for its building.

The Grand Rapids Public Library is making a number of improvements to its building. Among these are two aluminum front doors, redecoration of the children's room in light colors, repainting of the upper reading room and librarian's office, and the installation of drapes at inside windows.

The Kandiyohi County Library plans to move to larger quarters in the Willmar Masonic building.

Education Film Guide

The publication of the 9th annual edition of the *Educational Film Guide* again emphasizes the value of this service to all those concerned with planning audio-visual programs for schools, libraries, churches, industrial training, sales meetings, clubs, community groups, television and home entertainment. The last named is rightfully included because the *Guide's* list of more than 7,000 films includes all 16mm films of recognized merit.

The Annual is not sold separately but is included in a subscription (\$4.00 a year from the H. W. Wilson Co., N. Y. 52) to the *Educational Film Guide*. In addition to the Annual, nine issues during the year keep the service up to date by reporting the 150-200 new 16mm releases as they become available in the interim between numbers.

The Annual brings these together in a 689-page, attractively bound book listing 7,030 films by title and subject. It presents in one volume not only the films of the current year but also those of earlier years. Of the total number of films included, a board of forty leaders in the audio-visual field have selected 4,190 for recommendation. Descriptive and critical notes are included for these. Information is given showing running time, sound or silent, color, age levels, whether for entertainment, or for what educational (or instructional) purposes and in what field. Essential buying, or renting, data is, of course, included for all films.

The Educational Film Guide is the authentic, impartial continuing survey in an ever-more-important field of education and entertainment.

Gifts

The estate of the late Miss Emma Gebser included a bequest of \$4,000 for the benefit of the New Ulm Public Library. The library also has been given a collection of photographs, letters and papers belonging to the late F. W. Johnson, eminent Minnesota historian. The collection is valued at over \$75,000.

Legal Almanac Series

The Minnesota State Law Library recommends to any public or school library the *Legal Almanac Series*. (New York, N. Y. Oceana Pub., 1949. Vol. 1-10, paper, \$1 per volume; Vol. 11-17, cloth, \$2 per volume.)

These books are not a substitute for a lawyer or for law texts. Emphasis is on the practical and procedural. Each title is carefully written by competent attorneys and edited by Margaret Hall, Reference Law Librarian of Columbia University. The publisher is a former law librarian.

Averaging about 85 pages each, they treat such topics of general interest as marriage and divorce, immigration and citizenship, real estate, debtor and creditor, wills, labor laws, etc.

The State Law Library finds them extremely useful for the lay patron, with a general question, who is confused by the technical language of the average law text or statute.—Mrs. Josephine Smith, *State Librarian*.

Catholic Booklist

The Catholic Library Association has just issued the *Catholic Booklist, 1950*. It is an annotated bibliography, for the most part Catholic in authorship or subject matter, chosen as a guide to the recreational and instructional reading of Catholics. The publication is edited by Sister Stella Maris, O.P. Copies may be purchased at 65c each from: St. Catharine Junior College Library, St. Catharine, Ky.

Audio-Visual Aids

The Nobles County Library has purchased a filmstrip projector and some fifty filmstrips. The material is being used for demonstrations in rural schools. If sufficient interest is shown, a basic curriculum filmstrip collection for loan to rural schools will be set up.

The Worthington Public Library plans to buy a phonograph and recordings as their part of the audio-visual program.

The International Falls Public Library has just purchased a Bell and Howell projector together with a 12-inch speaker and other necessary equipment.

A. L. A. Publications

The American Library Association has published *Education for Librarianship*, edited by Bernard Berelson, which comprises the papers and discussions by librarians, non-

librarians, and library school faculties at the 1948 Library Institute at the University of Chicago. Ernest Calwell and Ralph Tyler of the University of Chicago and Clarence Faust of Stanford University are among the contributors, as well as many specialists in the library field. A consideration of professional training as carried on in any university is followed by a brief historical resume of library training here and abroad. Full consideration also has been given pre-professional training, the library school general curriculum, training of non-professional workers, and the administration of the entire program.

Audio-Visual School Library Service, also recently published by the American Library Association, is a handbook in a newly important field. It is an answer to some fundamental questions regarding the role of the school librarian in the audio-visual field with special attention to the cataloging, organizing, and distributing of audio-visual material according to standard library practices, and the reference uses of these materials in the library by individuals or groups. The book contains selected bibliographies, lists of physical equipment, and sources for selection and evaluations of materials. Of such general interest that its usefulness is not restricted to schools.

Scholarships

The University of Minnesota Division of Library Instruction announces the following scholarships available for students preparing for librarianship for the year 1950-51: The John C. Hutchinson Scholarship donated by Miss Lura C. Hutchinson in memory of her father, and one or more H. W. Wilson Scholarships donated by Mr. Wilson, President of the H. W. Wilson Company. Awards will cover all tuition but will not exceed \$300 for the year. The Wilson Scholarship awards may be granted for the year or for single quarters depending upon the needs of the successful applicant or applicants.

Applications should be addressed to E. W. McDiarmid, Director, Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota.

Berelson, Bernard: ed. *Education for Librarianship*. American Library Association, Chicago, 1949. 307 pages. \$4.00. Cloth.
Rufsvold, Margaret I. *Audio-Visual School Library Service*. American Library Association, Chicago, 1949. 124 pages. \$2.75. Cloth.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Adult Books of 1949

Compiled by Emily L. Mayne, assisted by A. Rosemary Bowers and Ardis Jensen

A selection of books for the small public library. Low budget libraries are urged to borrow expensive books from the State Library Division for examination before purchase. Librarians should check issues of THE BOOKLIST (American Library Association, subscription \$5.00 per year) when selecting books for purchase.

Non-Fiction¹

- Alsberg, H. G. *The American guide, a source book and complete travel guide for the U. S.* Hastings house. 7.50. Excellent compilation of general information and brief notes on places of interest.
- Aul, H. B. *How to beautify and improve your home ground.* Sheridan. 3.50. Plans and plants for large and small gardens, showing how to make the odd corner or unusual situation beautiful for outdoor living. Many sketches and diagrams.
- Blegen, T. C., and Jordan, P. D. *With various voices; recordings of North star life.* Webb. 5.00. The editors have used letters, essays, newspaper articles and documents to tell the story of Minnesota from 1654 to 1899.
- Clinchy, E. R. *Handbook of human relations.* Farrar. 2.75. Simple answers to everyday questions about race and prejudice.
- Conibear, Frank, and Blundell, J. L. *Wise one.* Sloane. 2.75. The life story of a beaver and the underwater world in which he lives are presented in distinguished prose and fine drawings.
- Drepperd, Carl. *ABC's of old glass.* Doubleday. 4.00. A useful handbook giving information about kinds of glass manufactured in the U. S. from the Revolution to the twentieth century.
- Durlacher, Ed., comp. *Honor your partner; eighty-one American square, circle and contra dances, with complete instructions for doing them.* Devin-Adair. 7.50.
- Gilbreth, Frank, Jr., and Carey, Ernestine. *Cheaper by the dozen.* Crowell. 3.00. Home life in the family of a famous efficiency expert.
- Gould, John. *And one to grow on: recollections of a Maine boyhood.* Morrow. 3.00. An amusing and intimate account of work and play in a small village, well-written and readable.
- Graham, E. H., and Van Dersal, W. R. *Wildlife for America; the story of wildlife conservation.* Oxford. 2.50. Short discussions of numerous conservation problems, with many photographs.
- Gunther, John. *Death be not proud.* Harper. 2.50. An inspiring sketch of the author's son who died at seventeen.
- Hogben, L. T. *From cave painting to comic strip.* Chanticleer. 5.00. Stimulating popular account of 30,000 years of communication, from cave painting and hieroglyphics to the modern use of printing, photography and visual aids.
- Ickis, Marguerite. *Standard book of quilt making and collecting.* Greystone. 2.98. Practical book of instructions with patterns.
- Karig, Walter, ed. *Pig in the parlor.* Rinehart. 2.50. All six members of the Karig family write of the turtles, skunks, white mice and other animals which have shared their home.
- Ketcham, Howard. *Color and decoration in the home.* Greystone. 3.95. Simple instructions and designs for decorating furniture, tinware, pottery and fabrics.
- Krutch, J. W. *Twelve seasons; a perpetual calendar for the country.* Sloane. 3.00. Twelve contemplative essays on nature and on man's relation to the universe.
- League of women voters. St. Paul. *You are the government; a handbook for Minnesota citizens.* League, St. Paul. .25.

¹Check the list of *Fifty Notable Books of the Year*, published in the *A.L.A. Bulletin*, February, 1950, for additional titles.

- Leyson, Burr. *Modern wonders & how they work*. Dutton. 3.50. Revolutionary developments such as atomic fission, rockets and jets, controlled airplane landings and color television are explained for the layman.
- Lilienthal, David. *This I do believe*. Harper. 2.50. The credo of a man who believes that American democracy can solve its problems.
- McNellis, Margaret, and Boscowitz, Hubie. *Party games*. Prentice. 1.95. Instructions and rules for thirty-one indoor games, each of which is the favorite of a celebrity. For adults and teen-agers.
- Martin, Monica. *Out in the mid-day sun*. Little. 3.00. A fascinating picture of a young wife's experiences in jungle outposts of northern India.
- Mathieson, Elizabeth. *Needlework library; a modern manual offering full instructions in embroidery, knitting, tatting, afghans, quilts, crochet, rugs and pineapples*. World pub. 3.49.
- Overseas press club, Members of. *Men who make your world*. Dutton. 3.50.
- Overstreet, H. A. *Mature mind*. Norton. 2.95. A challenging and stimulating discussion of the application of mature conduct in home life, education and social relations.
- Pelton, B. W. *Furniture making and cabinet work*. Van Nostrand. 6.95. Practical instructions in cabinet making, construction of furniture and built-in equipment, upholstering and wood finishing.
- Rogers, Will. *Autobiography of Will Rogers*, ed. by Donald Day. Houghton. 3.00. Story of his life and the times, told in selections from his newspaper writings.
- Roosevelt, Eleanor. *This I remember*. Harper. 5.00. The second volume of Mrs. Roosevelt's autobiography covers her husband's political life, beginning with his first term as governor. It is an endearing portrait of the author as a warmhearted and candid person.
- Schlesinger, A. R. *Vital center; the politics of freedom*. Houghton. 3.00. The book is a vigorous discussion of problems to be faced if liberalism and tolerance are to survive.
- Smith, H. K. *State of Europe*. Knopf. 3.75. An important survey of Europe's postwar history and politics, absorbing to read and excellent for reference.
- Smith, Lillian. *Killers of the dream*. Norton. 3.00. Psychological approach to the evils of segregation and its crippling effect on the Southern white as well as on the Negro.
- Sokoloff, B. F. *Miracle drugs*. Ziff. 3.00. Man's use of antibiotics and sulfonamides in his war against disease. Simply written, poorly indexed.
- Spence, Hartzell. *Happily ever after*. Whitteley. 3.00. A breezy account of the struggle to make a home out of a huge dilapidated Virginia estate.
- Strode, Hudson. *Sweden: model for a world*. Harcourt. 5.00. Swedish character and customs are interpreted in an especially attractive book.
- Stuart, Jesse. *Thread that runs so true*. Scribner. 3.00. Autobiographical account of twenty years of teaching.
- Tharpe, Niels. *Peter Nielsen's story*. Univ. of Minn. 2.75. Memories of boyhood days in Denmark, described by the University of Minnesota swimming coach.
- Toombs, Alfred. *Raising a riot*. Crowell. 3.00. The author describes his difficulties caring for his three children while his sick wife is away.
- Webster, H. E. *Shower parties for all occasions*. Woman's press. 3.00. Decorations, themes, games and menus — for showers, wedding anniversaries, and parties.

New Editions

- Harrison, G. R. *Atoms in action; the world of creative physics*; 3rd ed. Morrow. 5.00.
- Hoyt, J. K. *Hoyt's new cyclopedia of practical quotations*. Grossett. 4.95.
- Prochnow, H. V. *Toastmaster's handbook*. Prentice. 3.95.
- Taintor, Sarah. *Secretary's handbook*. 7th ed. Macmillan. 3.50.

Fiction

- Asch, Shalom. *Mary*. Putnam. 3.50. Gracefully told story of Miriam, mother of Jesus, from her marriage to Joseph to the Resurrection of her Son. Sequel to *The Nazarene* and *The Apostle*.

- Barber, Elsie. *Trembling years*. Macmillan. 3.00. Story of a young girl's battle to overcome the mental despair that followed an attack of crippling infantile paralysis.
- Bonnet, Theodore. *Mudlark*. Doubleday. 3.00. A London slum urchin visits Queen Victoria.
- Clark, W. V. *Track of the cat*. Random. 3.50. Three days on a remote Nevada ranch, during a hunt for a black panther; a symbolic novel of good and evil.
- Davis, Harold. *Beulah land*. Morrow. 3.00. Historical novel of the American frontier, of a westward trek 100 years ago.
- Guthrie, A. B. *Way west*. Sloane. 3.50. The passage of a wagon train from Missouri to Oregon in the 1840's, a simple story told with vigor and warmth and with a feeling for the West.
- Kennelly, Ardyth. *Peaceable kingdom*. Houghton. 3.00. Rich-hearted Linnea's life as a Mormon second wife.
- Marquand, J. P. *Point of no return*. Little. 3.50. A successful N. Y. businessman on a visit to his old home town reviews his early life.
- Muntz, Hope. *Golden warrior; the story of Harold and William*. Historical novel about the Norman conquest of Britain and the events which led up to it.
- Partridge, Bellamy. *Old oaken bucket*. Crowell. 3.00. The handy man persuades the Rands to buy an old farm in Connecticut.
- Santee, Ross. *Bubbling spring*. Scribner. 3.75. Story of a man who grew up in the old west of cow punching, horse wrangling, buffalo hunts and Indian wars.
- Walker, Mildred. *Medical meeting*. Harcourt. 3.00. Sidelights on human nature as well as on the problems of medical research make this a splendid novel.
- Wilson, D. E. *Prince of Egypt*. Westminster. 3.50. Fast-moving historical novel based on the life of Moses from his youth in the Egyptian court to the Exodus. Details of the colorful background show painstaking research.

Additional Fiction

- Carroll, Gladys. *West of the hill*. Macrae. 3.00.
- Davenport, Mrs. Gwen. *Family fortunes*. Doubleday. 3.00.
- Deasy, Mary. *Cannon hill*. Little. 3.00.
- Hanlin, Tom. *Miracle at Cardenrigg*. Random. 2.75.

Star of the North

The Romance of Minnesota by Vesta Cornish Armstrong is an attractive little booklet dealing in brief form with a history of this state. A number of educators and prominent Minnesotans have spoken highly of this publication. Interested parties may obtain copies at 50 cents each from the author, who is now located at 15 Monte Vista, Vallejo, California.

Library Meetings

Institute on Storytelling

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association

April 24 and 25, 1950

University of Minnesota, Continuation Center

Chairman, Isabel McLaughlin, Director, Work with Children, Minneapolis Public Library

April 24

- 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. What Storytelling Is — a general exposition — Eulalie Steinmetz, Supervisor of Storytelling, New York Public Library
- 10:30 - 12:00 M. Folklore as a Source of Stories — Richard Chase, Author (Grandfather Tales and The Jack Tales), puppeteer, and distinguished collector of folktales
- 12:30 P.M. Luncheon
- 1:30 - 4:30 P.M. Technique of Storytelling
Choosing, learning and telling stories — Examples by Miss Steinmetz and Mr. Chase

April 25

Special applications, Recordings and other media for story hours

- 10:30 - 12:00 M. Radio, Television and Storytelling
- 12:30 P.M. Luncheon
- 1:30 - 2:10 P.M. Problems Storytelling has for Special Groups

Special group meetings for:

Scouts
School teachers
Recreation leaders

Nursery school teachers
Church school teachers
Librarians
Others

- 2:10 - 4:00 P.M. Clinic on Storytelling Problems — Miss Steinmetz and Mr. Chase

Fee: \$4.00

Out-of-town people who wish to stay at the Continuation Center should write to: Norman Johnson, Director, Continuation Center, immediately.

District Meetings

Sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association and the Library Division of the State Department of Education

May 3-16, 1950

- May 3—Bovey — Mrs. Eva Kieren, chairman
Joint meeting (afternoon and evening) with the Arrowhead Library Club and the Range Trustees Association
- May 4—Bemidji — Orda Nilson, chairman
- May 11—Mankato — Isadora Veigel, chairman
- May 12—Worthington — Wayne Bassett, chairman
- May 16—Alexandria — Fay Cuzner, chairman

Tentative Program for District Meetings

- 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. Registration and coffee hour
- 10:30 - 12:00 M. Workshop on *Making the Most of Your Library* — Under leadership of librarians of each district
- 12:30 P.M. Luncheon
- 12:30 - 2:30 P.M. *Current Facts About the Minnesota Library World*
Library Survey, Laws, and Trends in Service
- 2:45 - 4:00 P.M. Featured local speaker and book talks

Institute on Minnesota Library Problems

Sponsored by the Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota

May 18 - 20, 1950

University of Minnesota, Continuation Center

Chairman, C. Irene Hayner, Assistant Professor, Division of Library Instruction

Discussion of Minnesota library problems led by Helen A. Ridgway, Public Library Specialist, A.L.A. Headquarters